Patriots Predict Dropping of Fight On Hearstless Port

Independent Greeters Believe Elimination of Publisher as Welcomer Will End Protests to Congress

Richard M. Hurd, chairman of the arrangements committee of the Inde pendent Citizens' Committee of Welation of the citizens' committee would e instrumental in maintaining New York as a port of entry for returning ops. Other states, he declared, were taketa in asking Congress to have troops landed at ports where they would be welcomed by 100 per cent American committees. The citizens' mmittee, with no William Randolph among its members, would fill

Strong national support has come om Western states to the uprising of New York citizens," he said, "which ens' Committee of Welcome for returning troops. The action of the Legheaded by William Randolph Hearst, is now being followed up by telegrams to of their states also appeal to Congress to have returning troops land at some

'In other words, the feeling against

ll stores, restaurants, hotels, theatres, coming from France not be permitted to pass through New York; in addition to which these men have many friends n New York who desire to see them. it would be an intolerable stigma if New York should be ruled off the

Troops Again Throw Hearst Papers Off Ship

THEY did it again in Hoboken yesterday. When the cruiser St. Louis docked at the army piers several bundles of newspapers were thrown to the men on the transport from the deck of the police boat Patrol, which carried the Mayor's Committee of Welcome to Homecoming Soldiers. There were two bundles of Hearst papers-"The American" and

The Journal"-among them. As the soldiers unwrapped the bundles and drew the Hearst papers from the deck motion picture men turned the crank on their machine fiercely until suddenly something happened and they stopped. The soldiers had discovered the titles on the papers, and without any ceremony tossed them into the river. And a motion picture showing returning American heroes reading Hearst papers was spoiled right then and there.

Theological Seminary—"I am one of those who accepted membership on the Mayor's committee without understanding Mr. Hearst's relation to the committee. When I did understand I resigned. I am glad to learn of the organization of the Citizens' Committee and shall be most happy to have some part in its work to show my appreciation of the services which our returning soldiers and sailors have so splendidly earned."

Stanley M. Isaacs, 52 William Street
—"I shall be glad to serve upon your
committee to receive the returning soldiers. As chairman of Local Board
Division 164, until July last, when my
duties took me to Washington, I know
the fine spirit with which the men from
this city entered the service. They
should, of course, be received in the
same spirit. Nobody could resent more
than the soldiers themselves the presence on any committee of welcome of a
man like Mr. Hearst, whose attitude
during the entire war has been such
as to repel any self-respecting citizen.
His presence on the so-called official
committee has made your committee a
necessity."

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"I feel honored in having my name
on the Citizens' Committee of Wel-

Louis J. Ladin, major, M. C. U. S. A.—II am in entire sympathy with the movement of the Citizens' Committee of Welcome."

Contemporary Club—"We are glad to have name of our club added to the list of societies connected with the In-dependent Citizens' Committee."

example of yellow journalism in America.

"The people of the City of New York can do nothing but ignore and repudiate in strongest terms such a man and his papers, while we returning soldiers have to be humiliated by the appointment that the Mayor of the City of New York has made."

Others who joined the independent committee yesterday and their views of the movement follow:

Winthrop L. Lewis, chairman of Local Board Division No. 102: "I shall be glad to serve on the Independent Citizans' Committee. I sent the following letter on January 2 to the Mayor:

"I have received your letter of December 28 inviting me to serve on the Mayor's Committee to Welcome Homeoming Troops. Ordinarily I would regard it as a great honor to serve on such a committee, but owing to the fact that William R. Hearst has aso been invited to serve I am compelled to decine your invitation. I regard Mr. Hearst as ineligible to serve on this ceasion because of his unpatriotic record; and, therefore, in justice to my on a principles I must decline to serve on such a committee, but owing to the fact that William R. Hearst has aso been invited to serve I am compelled to decline your invitation. I regard Mr. Hearst as ineligible to serve on this ceasion because of his unpatriotic record; and, therefore, in justice to my on a principles I must decline to serve on such a committee with a man whose patriotism I feel inclined to question."

Dr. Robert Abbe, 13 West Fiftieth Street "As I was among the first of Hylan's Scoundred Club' I will be glad to enroll among those who will help give our returning soldiers a hearty, warm, patriotic welcome."

Gaylord S. White, professor Union

Soldiers Duped by Hearst Agent In Praising Publisher, Say Officers

if New York should be ruled off the map as unworthy to greet returning heroes because of the presence on the Mayer's committee of Hearst.

"All soldiers, sailors and marines are avoided to attend the mass meeting at Madison Square Garden to-morrow hight, with their friends, and reserved seats may be obtained at the office of the American Defence Society, 44 East Twenty-third Street. On the hight of the American Defence Society, 45 East Twenty-third Street. On the hight of the Meeting men in uniform will be admitted and given reserved seats when the doors open at 7:15 o'clock. By obtaining the seats now they will be obsolutely sure of a seat whatever time they arrive.

"Patriotic citizens wishing to help defray the expenses of the meeting should send their checks to B. L. Allen, but that from then on the ban would be absolute.

Hearst agents recently sought, through Father E. Ashley Gerbard, bout that cheptain, to break down the barrier against Hearst newspapers. After Major Neargaard raised this barrier the chaplain, to break down the barrier against Hearst newspapers. After Major Neargaard raised this barrier higher the chaplain yesterday dictated the mass meeting. The which he said his duty was to maintain loyalty among the hospital patients and love the presence on the map is steeded he had had time to leave a number of memorial sheets with sol-diers on various floors.

Private John McKinney, of Ward 9 P. mailed one of these to The Tribune Started to protest against the exclusion of the exclusion of the american Defence Society, 44 East Twenty-third Street. On the night of the following letter: "I am taking the following letter: "I' am taking the liberty of sending of the beautiful on the scleak of the following letter: "I' am taking the liberty of

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you have ever been levelled to within four feet of the ground. That was the condition of many of the cities I viated. People who had homes there ran up the alleyways, after their homes had been destroyed, whenever any one in uniform came along. They would hardly, under these circumstances, enter into negotiations with them to redeem the tickets."

"Do you say that these villages had been destroyed by bombardment, or were they just ruthlessly and deliberately destroyed to terrorize the population?" the Senator asked.

"They were ruthlessly and deliberately destroyed, largely by fire grenades, charged with explosives and with fire-igniting substances," Mr. Squires replied.

"It was the rainy season when I was there, November and December. Ther; was no shelter for the peop's in many of the towns. They lived in the open, where there was no protection.

"In one town I was able to take a small table, where we gathered thirty or forty of the victicas and gave them soup or bread, as we were able to get it ready for them in a hurry."

"Go ahead," said Senator Nelson.

"Have you anything more to tell?"

"It is not a case of anything more. It is a case of trying to forget it," Mr. Squires replied

'In regard to these women who were attacked," asked Senator Overman, "was that done in the presence of the German officers, or was it done by drunken soldiers who were skylarking?"

"It was mostly the work of private German soldiers who were skylarking."

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